



Town of Camden
Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
September 4, 2012
6:30pm

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PRESENT: Chairperson Martin Cates, John French, Jr., James Heard, Leonard Lookner, Donald White, and Town Manager Finnigan. Also present were members of the press and public.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.

2. Citizen Comments

Gian-Angelo Gallace of Camden spoke to the Board about the Searsport LPG Tank project. He also spoke in opposition to holding fireworks displays in Camden, saying that they cause excessive noise and litter. Gallace told the Board that despite the economic impact of hosting large events, he is concerned that other factors can outweigh those benefits and asked if this is the direction in which Camden should go.

John Scholz of Camden talked to the Board about concerns regarding the Nordic trail at the Snow Bowl and discussed a tree assessment report performed Cliffside Tree Service.

Donald White said that the Windjammer weekend had been well-attended and thanked the volunteers who helped to make it happen. He added that it was good to see foot patrolmen as well as the Chief of Police walking around town during the weekend's festivities. Lastly he noted that with school in session, it is illegal to pass a stopped school bus and he encouraged motorists to drive cautiously.

Leonard Lookner thanked Chief Gagne and the Police Department for their presence during Windjammer Weekend. Lookner added that one of the highlights of the weekend had been tours of the Navy vessel USS Normandy. Lookner then spoke in opposition to the posters that feature the headline, "We roll out the red carpet, not the red tape," noting that he is uncomfortable with the message that the posters convey.

James Heard also made note of the visit by the USS Normandy, saying that he was most impressed by the respect that senior officers showed for their subordinates.

Martin Cates echoed these comments, saying that the town had done a great job of welcoming the sailors and that the ship's crew were excellent representatives of the USA.

3. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

There were no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

50 **4. Approval of Board Minutes dated August 21, 2012**

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52 *Donald White made a motion that the minutes of the August 21, 2012 meeting be accepted as*
53 *presented. James Heard seconded the motion.*

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55 Martin Cates noted a correction on page six of the minutes under Item G, Confirmation of
56 the Appointment of the Inner Harbor Master, stating that the motion should read: "*John*
57 *French made a motion that the appointment of the inner harbor master be tabled until further*
58 *background information could be gathered."*

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60 *John French seconded the motion as amended. It was unanimously approved.*

61 **4. Select Board Member Reports**

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63 There were no Select Board member reports.

64 **6. Town Manager Report**

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66 Pat Finnigan thanked the staff and volunteers who had been involved in Windjammer
67 Weekend, as well as the Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce. She said that the
68 harbor staff had worked very hard to ensure that the schooners could come into the harbor,
69 and that they had reported on Friday that 22 vessels were docked. She spoke about the
70 involvement of the Fire and Police Departments over the weekend and thanked them for
71 their extra work during an especially busy time.

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73 In the area of development, the Town Manager reported on a kickoff meeting for the
74 America's Music program grant received through a collaboration with the Camden Public
75 Library. She told the Board that the program would run for six weeks beginning in January.
76 The Town Manager said that another grant-funded project, the sidewalk to extend up to
77 Shirttail Point, is currently at the stage where the Development Director has begun speaking
78 to the neighbors who live adjacent to the planned sidewalk. She reported that so far there
79 has been a great deal of support for the project and that public hearings on the new
80 sidewalk would be scheduled soon. The Town Manager also noted that the Belmont Avenue
81 projected was wrapping up.

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83 With regard to the Opera House, Finnigan said that Maine Pro Musica had conducted a
84 successful concert recently and wants to hold more concerts at that location. Lastly,
85 Finnigan asked Select Board members for thoughts on whether or not the Opera House
86 should continue showing a series of movies as they had during the summer months.

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88 **7. Old Business**

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90 There was no old business.

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92 **8. New Business**

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94 **PAWS Request to use the Village Green**

95 PAWS had requested use of the Village Green for a fundraising event. The Town Manager
96 said that their event meets the criteria for use of the Village Green.

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Donald White made a motion that the application for the use of the Village Green on the date of September 22nd by PAWS Animal Adoption Center be approved. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Public Hearings

Chairperson Cates opened a public hearing.

A. Public Hearing on application of Stuart Smith d/b/a Grand Harbor Inn at 14 Bay View Landing for a Class I Hotel Vinous Liquor License

No members of the public were on hand to address this issue.

John French made a motion to approve the Class I Hotel Vinous Liquor License for the Grand Harbor Inn. The motion was seconded by Donald White.

Leonard Lookner brought up a bookkeeping question with regard to the company's stock.

The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Public Hearing on application of Ravita, Inc. d/b/a Long Grain at 31 Elm Street for a Class I Restaurant Vinous Liquor License

No members of the public were on hand to address this issue.

Leonard Lookner made a motion to approve the Class I Restaurant Vinous Liquor License for Long Grain. The motion was seconded by James Heard. It was unanimously approved.

The public hearing was closed.

C. Acceptance of a Donation of Training Aids (Manikins) from the Atlantic Engine Company No. 2 to the Camden Fire Department

Chief Farley updated the Board on an offer by Firefly Restoration to work on one of the fire trucks.

Farley then told the Board about the workplace safety grant that Atlantic Engine Company #2 had received from the Maine Municipal Association in the amount of \$2,000 for purchase of training aids (manikins). He described how the manikins are used in training and said that the Atlantic Engine Company would like to donate them to the Fire Department.

Donald White made a motion to accept the donation of training manikins from the Atlantic Engine Company No. 2 to the Camden Fire Department. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

D. Consider request to contribute \$1,650 as the local share to fund a Camden to Thomaston transit feasibility study

Leonard Lookner offered an idea for shelters stretching along the mid-coast area where people could wait for a ride and be taken to the next station by drivers passing by.

Donald White made a motion to contribute \$1,650 as the Town's local match to fund a regional transit system feasibility study. The motion was seconded by John French. It was unanimously approved.

E. Request from the Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber to use the Village Green on Oct. 16th for cruise ship passenger welcome and information booth

Donald White made a motion to approve the request from the Chamber of Commerce to use the Village Green for a welcome and information center on October 16, 2012. The motion was seconded by John French.

There were some questions and discussion centering around the history of the chamber welcoming cruise ship passengers to Camden.

The motion was unanimously approved.

F. Request from Pop!Tech to Close Chestnut Street from Elm St to Wood St on Saturday, October 20 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Donald White made a motion to indefinitely postpone this item. The motion was seconded by John French. It was unanimously approved.

G. Consideration of a Request by the Tax Collector to Abate the Personal Property Taxes assessed to Bayview Lobster Inc. formerly of 16 Bay View Landing for the fiscal year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$189.11

Donald White made a motion to abate the Personal Property Taxes assessed to Bayview Lobster Inc. formerly of 16 Bay View Landing for the fiscal year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$189.11. The motion was seconded by John French. It was unanimously approved.

H. Consideration of a Request by the Assessors' Agent to Abate Taxes for 37 Mountainside Park in the Amount of \$425.34

The Town Manager explained the background on this item.

John French made a motion to abate \$425.34 in property taxes assessed to 37 Mountainside Park formerly owned by KEWE Enterprises/Stuart Welch. The motion was seconded by James Heard. It was unanimously approved.

9. Select Board Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

Adjourn

Donald White made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Select Board and reconvene as Board of Assessors. John French seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board of Assessors

A. Consideration of Supplemental Assessment on 37 Mountainside Park in the Amount of \$31,600 with a Tax Amount of \$425.34

James Heard made a motion to authorize a supplemental assessment on property located at 37 Mountainside Park in the amount of \$31,600 with a Tax Amount of \$425.34. The motion was seconded by John French. It was unanimously approved.

Adjourn

John French made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Donald White seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Board of Assessors adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brace
Recording Secretary